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need for adequate and affordable housing in communities all across the state of Nebraska, especially in our rural areas. Third, I support the Riverfront Development and Antelope Valley proposals that together will enhance the state's economy for years to come. And, finally, I support reauthorization of the Quality Jobs Act to encourage the creation of high quality, above average paying jobs throughout our state. I do want to say thank you to Senator Landis and Smith, Beutler, Quandahl and Kristensen for their leadership and commitment to these economic development proposals. In the area of ensuring public safety, adequate funding and support for the State Patrol has been a high priority of my administration. In this budget, I propose the addition of eight new troopers, additional funding for six investigators, and state funding to replace lost federal funding for twenty-two civilian support personnel. I'm also proposing funding for the Criminal Justice Information System, and funding to begin implementation of the statewide wireless communications system. A uniform, reliable wireless system for law enforcement is a top priority to bolster the effectiveness of law enforcement which ensures public safety. I thank Senator Gene Tyson for his good work in this area. I'm also seeking the support of this Legislature to assign troopers to the Carrier Division and allow current Carrier Enforcement officers to transfer to the trooper rank while remaining in the Carrier Enforcement Division. Last year, nearly one-third of Carrier Enforcement officers left the division for jobs as troopers. Unfortunately, this has been a growing trend for the last several years. This turnover creates serious concerns about public safety on Nebraska roads and highways. By allowing Carrier Enforcement officers to transfer to trooper and remain in the Carrier Division, we can address retention issues and the resulting public safety concerns. It is my hope that some, if not all, of the concerns about this legislation in the last session have been resolved. In my view, this significant public safety issue simply must be addressed, and I thank Senator Bromm for sponsoring this initiative. I'm also submitting for your consideration and approval a substantial juvenile justice reform plan. For many years, state policymakers have struggled to come to consensus on how to proceed with much needed changes and improvements in our juvenile justice system. This year, I propose the enactment of a gatekeeper structure to coordinate a